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Mr Chris Hall
The Clerk
Cheverell Magna Parish Council
Woodlands
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Dear Mr Hall,

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ESSO PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED – PIPELINE EASEMENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with us to ensure that your works are carried out safely around our pipelines, and for notifying us of any suspicious activity.



Notwithstanding your continual support we have, on occasion, had to attend a number of instances which could have affected the underground pipelines.

Damage to the pipelines by unsupervised excavation, deep ploughing, ditch clearing, drain cleaning or fencing is a costly oversight, and when such near misses have happened, the people involved have been deeply mindful of the potential consequences. It is much better to give us a call, take time to work with us, and have peace of mind!

HELICOPTER SURVEYS



We fly the routes of the pipelines on a regular basis, looking out for potentially damaging works that may not have been checked and approved by us.



PLANNING MATTERS

You may well be aware of recent relaxations in planning regulations, which allow homeowners to extend their dwellings within certain dimensions without the requirement for planning permission.

Owners with pipelines or other services in their property, especially smaller residential properties, should take note that a planning permission (deemed or otherwise) does not override land rights such as the pipeline easement and even though an extension may be possible under the new "permitted development rights", it may still be prevented by the pre-existing requirements that prohibit development within the pipeline "easement strip".



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If you have plans to use permitted development rights, call us first to check that your plans will be consistent with the easement for the pipeline.

HOW AND WHEN TO WORK WITH US

To avoid unintended damage to the pipeline we would like you to consult with us in advance of undertaking any works within 50m either side of a pipeline. However normal gardening and cultivation of the soil no deeper than 300mm (1 foot) is not a concern. It is important to note that the pipeline has an anti-corrosion protective coating, and any damage to this coating, even superficial, is critical and should be avoided. Any contact with the pipeline may disrupt this protective layer, and in this event we must be notified so that we can check that the coating is complete. Examples of work which can damage the pipeline include fencing, tree planting, sub-soiling, ditch cleaning and any kind of excavation, even using hand tools. If work like this is to be carried out in this area, the person responsible for it needs to know the pipeline's exact position and depth, and we need to know about the work and when it is to be done. Plans for structures like sheds, decks, and large tents also need to be discussed with us.



If you see works being carried out close to the pipeline, and you don't see one of our dark blue vans nearby, please call us on 0800 136 812.

The primary safety procedure is to have the pipeline's position located and marked on site by us before work starts. This service is free of charge, and can easily be arranged by calling us on 0800 136 812, or by emailing pipelines@fishergerman.co.uk, ideally providing us with three days' notice.

For works on land where you may not know what services are present and you need to check more apparatus than that which belongs to Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd, we recommend the use of www.LSBUD.co.uk (Line Search Before You Dig) which is a free to use online search enquiry system representing over 200,000km of underground apparatus. Full guidance is available from the website.

Yours sincerely,

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